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# FULL AHEAD! COCO

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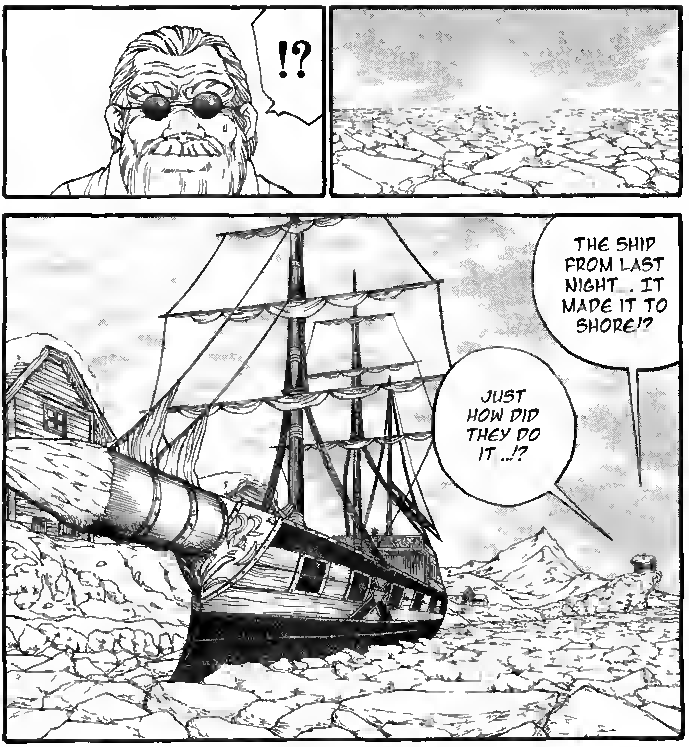
One year after Barts set out on his ship, alone...

...A SHIP?
AT THIS TIME OF YEAR...?

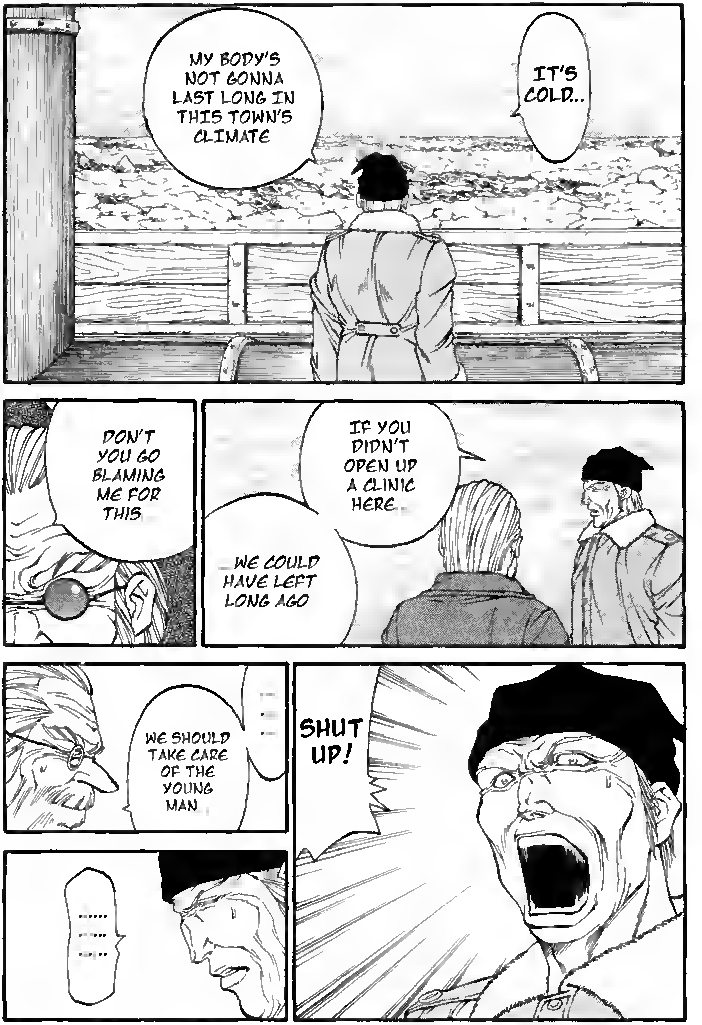
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S STUCK AMIDST THE DRIFT ICE.
IF STEERED UNSKILLFULLY, IT'LL BE CRUSHED BY THE ICE.

IF THEY GIVE UP...
..THEY WILL DIE.


!?
THE SHIP FROM LAST NIGHT... IT MADE IT TO SHORE!?
JUST HOW DID THEY DO IT...!?
...IT'S A MIRACLE.
WHO EXACTLY IS ON THAT SHIP...?

WHAT'S THIS..? THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON?
HE MADE IT TO SHORE BY HIMSELF...!? TRULY A MIRACLE.
AND YET...
HOW CRUEL...
HIS HANDS HAVE BEEN SHREDDED APART.
WHAT'S THIS?
!

TAIL...
IS HE ALIVE?
YES. PLEASE HELP ME MOVE HIM INSIDE.
YOU'RE NOT DOING SO WELL, EITHER.
PLEASE COME TO MY CLINIC, AND-
OUCH
OUCH
ENOUGH ALREADY.


IT'S COLD...
MY BODY'S NOT GONNA LAST LONG IN THIS TOWN'S CLIMATE
IF YOU DIDN'T OPEN UP A CLINIC HERE...
WE COULD HAVE LEFT LONG AGO
DON'T YOU GO BLAMING ME FOR THIS
SHUT UP!
WE SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THE YOUNG MAN
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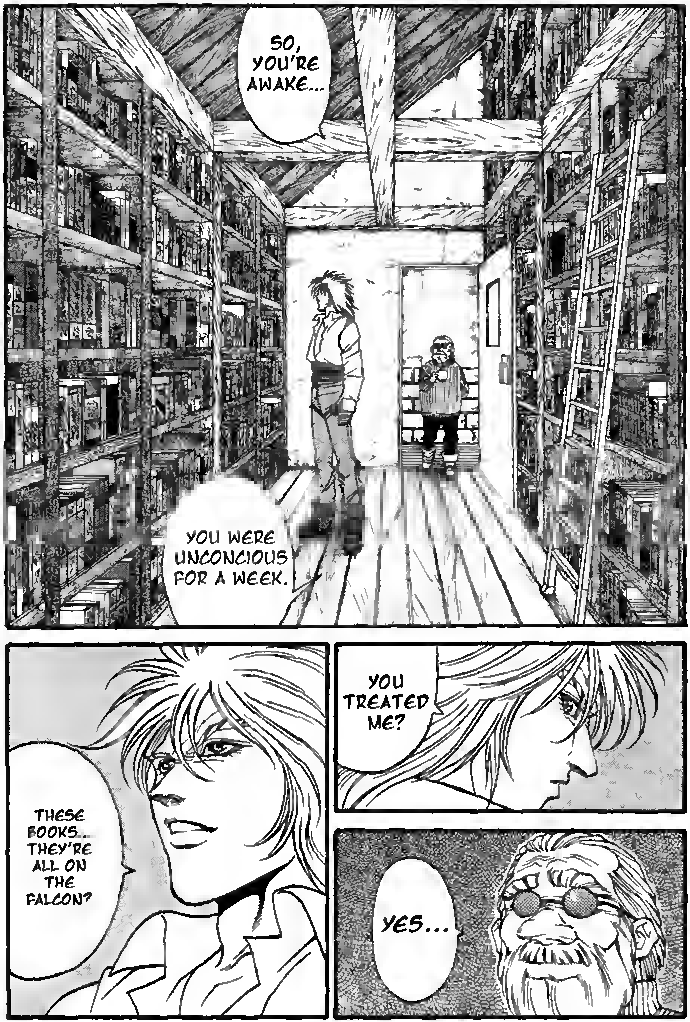
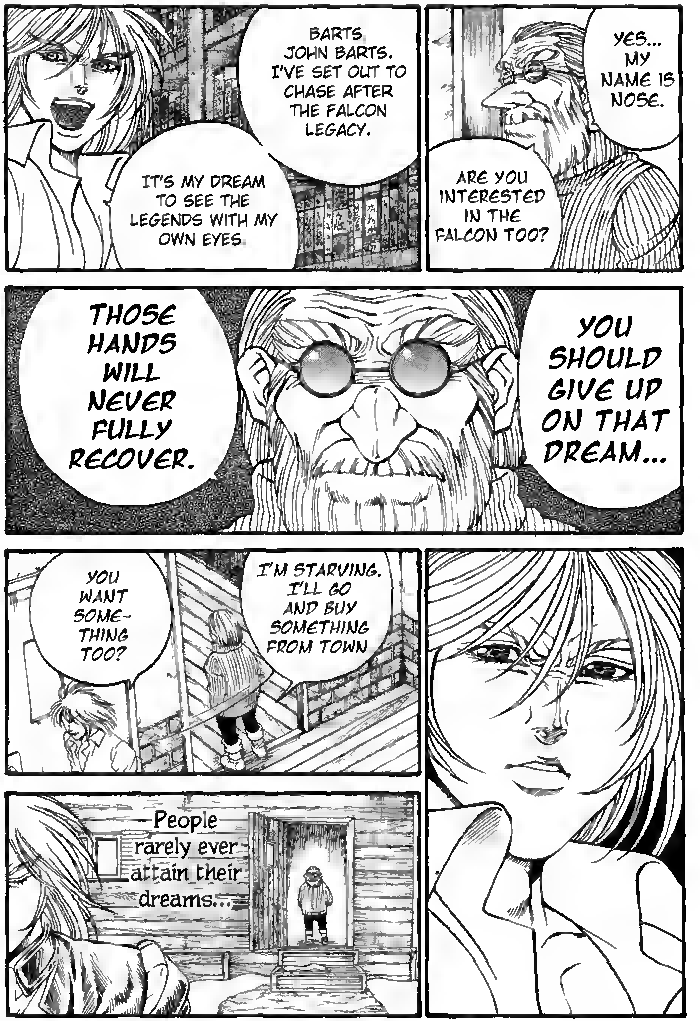
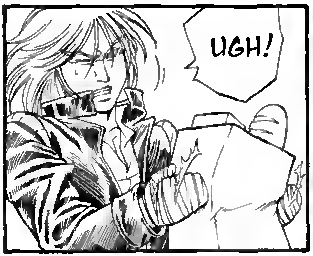
TAIL&NOSE
THE GODDESS OF THE NORTHERN TOWN
北の街の女神
きたのまちのめがみ

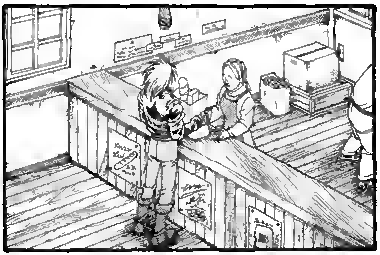

SO, YOU'RE AWAKE...
YOU WERE UNCONCIOUS FOR A WEEK.
YOU TREATED ME?
YES...
THESE BOOKS... THEY'RE ALL ON THE FALCON?

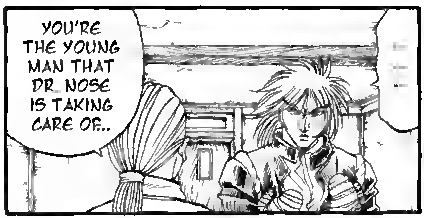

BARTS. JOHN BARTS. I'VE SET OUT TO CHASE AFTER THE FALCON LEGACY.
IT'S MY DREAM TO SEE THE LEGENDS WITH MY OWN EYES.
YES... MY NAME IS NOSE.
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE FALCON TOO?
THOSE HANDS WILL NEVER FULLY RECOVER.
YOU SHOULD GIVE UP ON THAT DREAM...
YOU WANT SOME-THING TOO?
I'M STARVING. I'LL GO AND BUY SOMETHING FROM TOWN
—People rarely ever attain their dreams...—

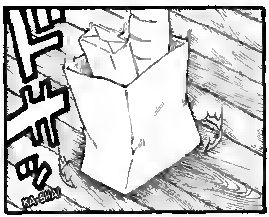
Most people's lives only truly begin after they give up on their dreams.

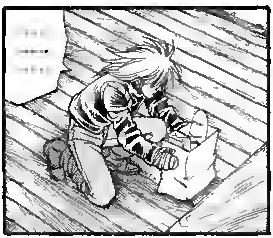
Just like his shall, just like Taíl's and mine did...

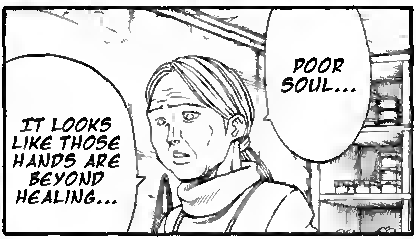


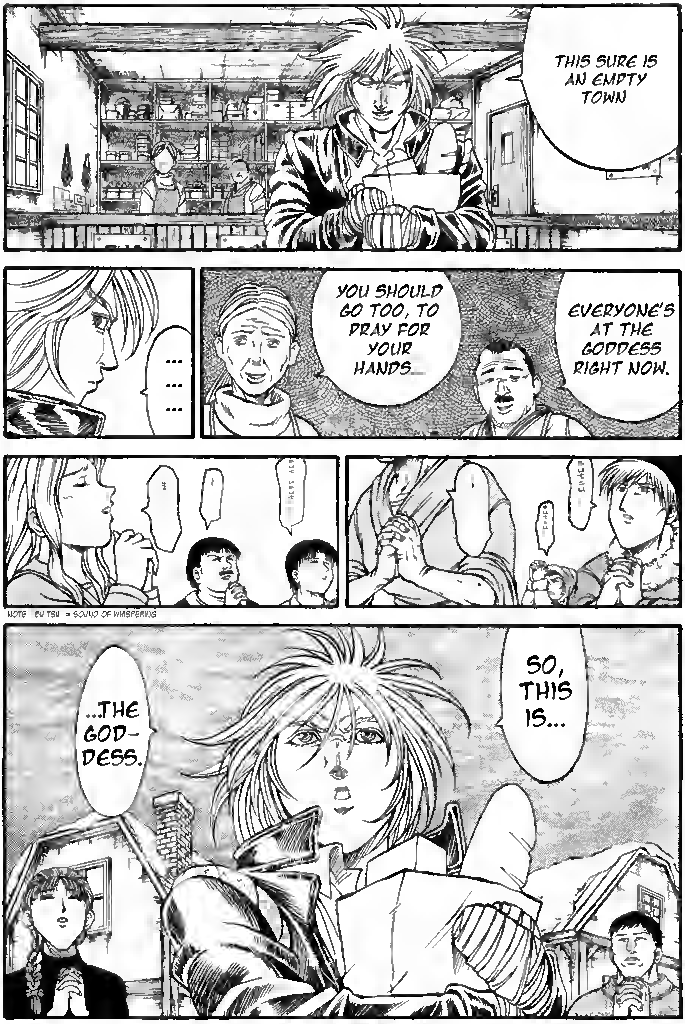



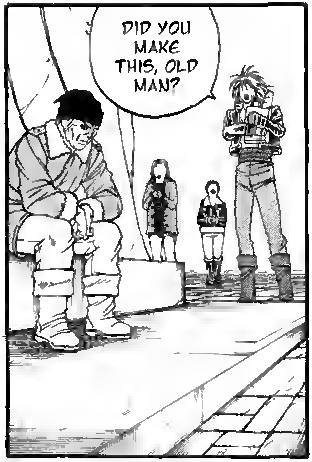


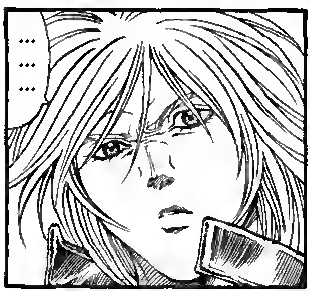





THIS SURE IS AN EMPTY TOWN
...
...
...
YOU SHOULD GO TOO, TO PRAY FOR YOUR HANDS...
EVERYONE'S AT THE GODDESS RIGHT NOW.
NOTE: BU TSU = SOUND OF WHISPERING
SO, THIS IS...
..THE GOD-DESS.


DID YOU MAKE THIS, OLD MAN?

COUGH
COUGH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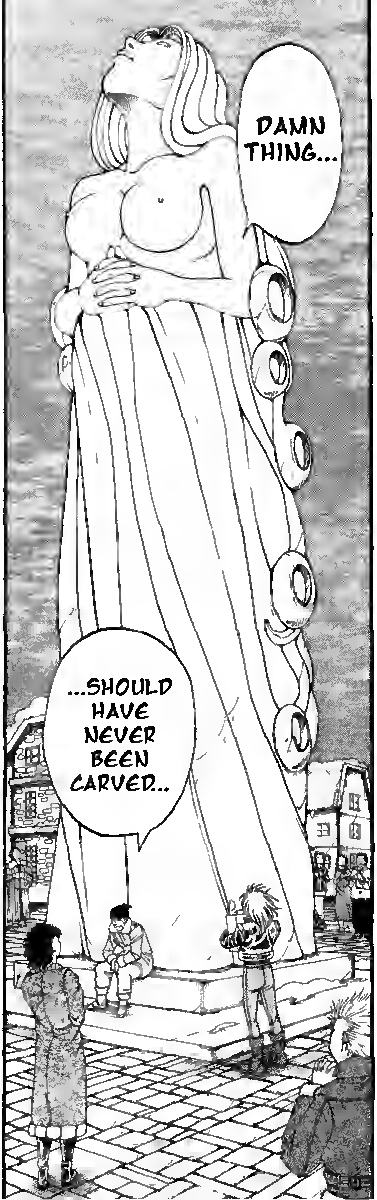

DAMN THING...
...SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN CARVED...

?
GO HOME.
GO HOME.
HE COUGHED UP BLOOD YESTERDAY YOU HAVE TO STOP HIM
HIS CONDITION IS GETTING WORSE
...TO PROTECT IT FROM MOUNTAIN BANDITS...
OLD MAN TAIL SITS ON THE GODDESS' PEDESTAL ALL DAY, EVERY DAY...
PLEASE DOCTOR YOU HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK AT HIM
WHAT?
CAN'T YOU JUST TAKE A LOOK AT HIM?
...
...
...
...
I CAN'T.

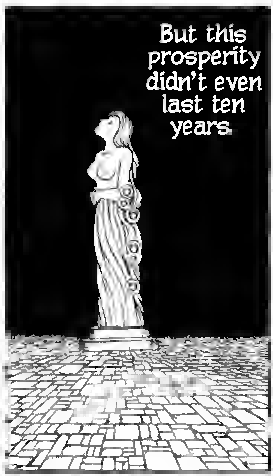
BA-BAM!!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS SHIT!? YOU GIVE US THE SAME DAMN THING EVERY DAY!!
YOU HEAR ME!?
I THINK I'LL TRY THIS CUTIE TODAY!

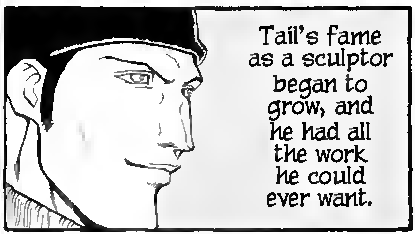
THE MOUNTAIN BANDITS HAVE BEEN HERE FOR THREE MONTHS NOW
THEY RAPE AND PILLAGE TO THEIR HEARTS' CONTENT, BIDING THEIR TIME UNTIL SPRING COMES
WHAT DO THEY WANT?
...
...
...
MANY DECADES AGO...

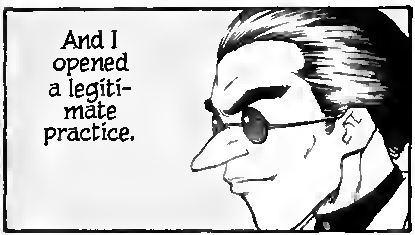
The sculptor, Tail, and the doctor, Nose, set out on a journey to chase after the Falcon Legacy.
...and he was overcome by the urge to sculpt with it.
Seeing such a sight got Tail's sculptor blood flowing...
As we passed by this town on our travels...
...we found a giant slab of a rare mineral called Asado.
While waiting for him to finish his work...
...I opened a clinic and became the town doctor.

Tail was ready to continue our journey, but my new job began to hold more and more responsibility.
Tail created the Goddess and set it in the town square.

People travelled from across the lands to come see it, and the town saw unprecedented prosperity.
News of the Goddess began to spread.


But this prosperity didn't even last ten years.


Tail's fame as a sculptor began to grow, and he had all the work he could ever want.

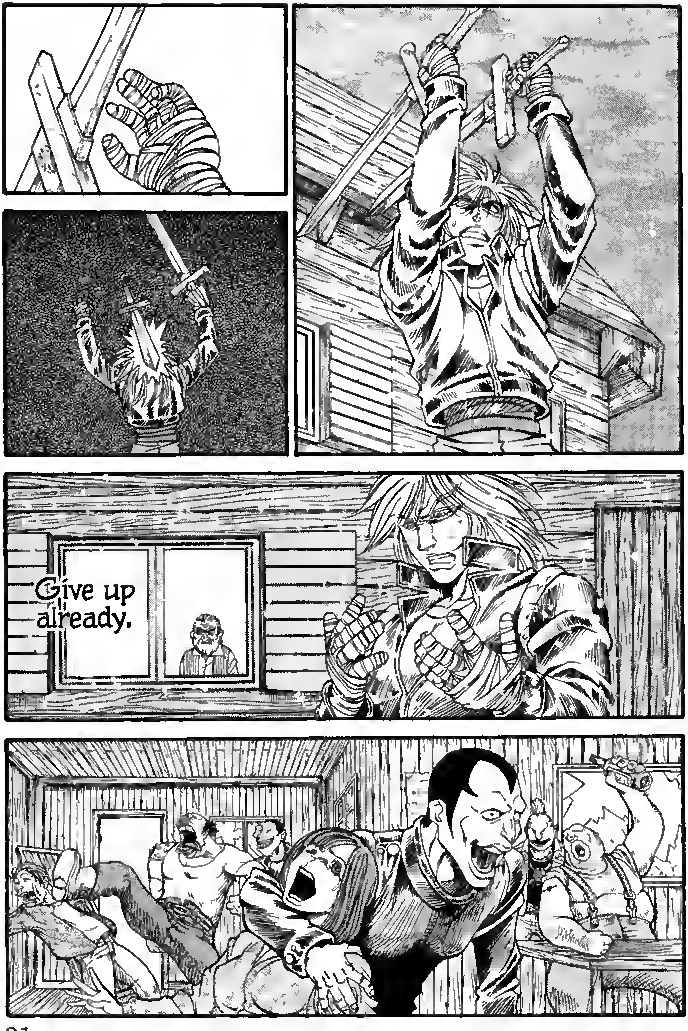

And I opened a legitimate practice.

for a second wave of prosperity.
Gradually, the townspeople began to gather and pray to the Goddess...
It was around then...
...that we decided to return to our journey...
...would not let us go...
...the town...
and Tail as the Goddess' creator,
With me as the town doctor.
And during that turbulent time, we said things to each other that we couldn't take back...
When we realized we wouldn't be able to go after it anymore, we blamed each other.
The Falcon was a dream we both shared.

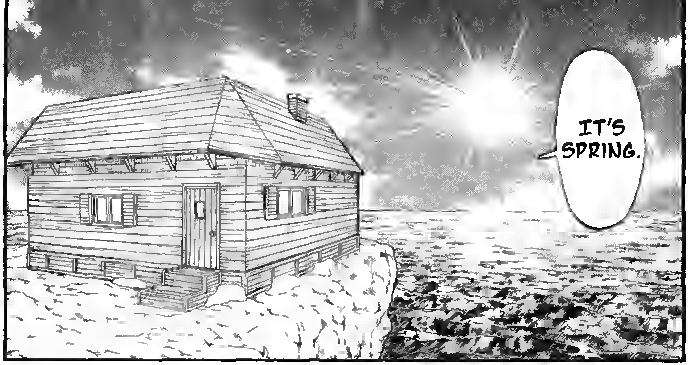
SO, EVEN THOUGH YOU WANTED TO HELP HIM, HE NEVER FORGAVE YOU.
THE BANDITS WANT THE GODDESS STATUE.
THEY PLAN TO SHIP IT OUT AS SOON AS SPRING COMES AND THE ICE THAWS.
MOUNTAIN BANDITS... AND THE TOWNSPEOPLE DO NOTHING ABOUT THIS?
THEY DO. I SEE THEM DO IT EVERY DAY..
THEY GO TO THE GODDESS AND PRAY..
THE ONLY THING THEY CAN DO IS PRAY
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

Not your hands... Not my friendship with Tail...
Things can never go back to the way they were.
I'M ALSO WAITING FOR SPRING.
THEN I'LL HEAD OUT TO SEA ONCE MORE!
IMPOS-SIBLE.

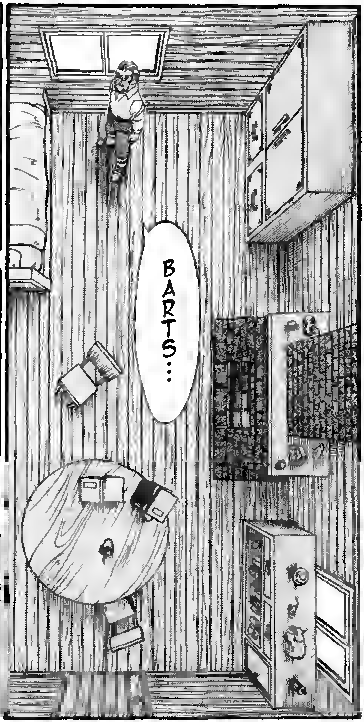
Give up.
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH


Give up already.

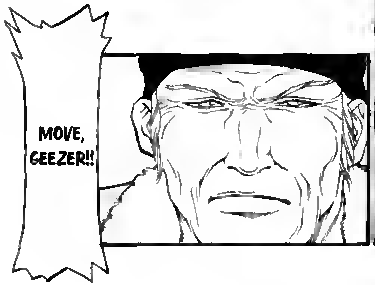
Give up... Barts...


IT'S SPRING.

YOU REALLY LEFT...
EVEN WITH YOUR RUINED HANDS...

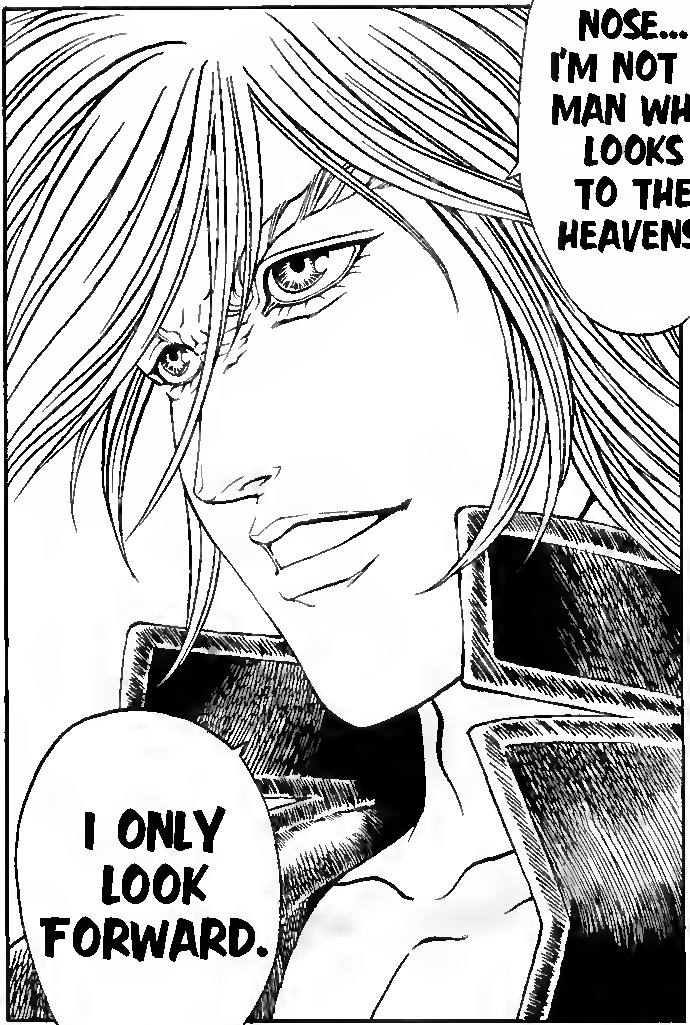

BARTS...

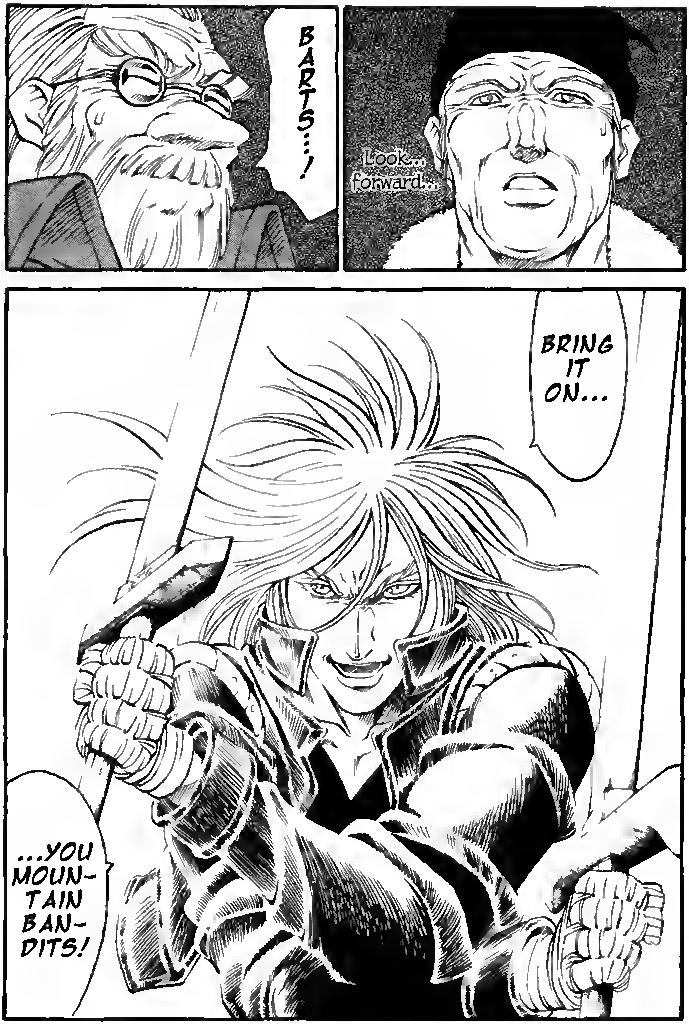
THE MOUNTAIN BANDITS...!
TERRIBLE NEWS, DOCTOR!


MOVE, GEEZER!!

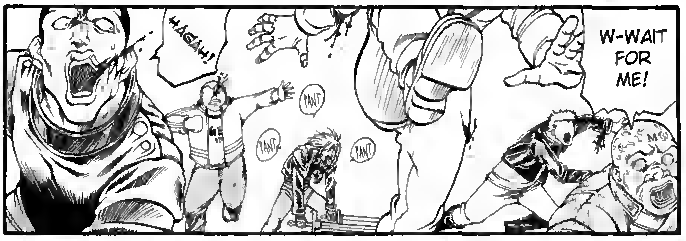
GUNN!
WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THE CARVING! IT'S THE MINERAL THAT'S VALUABLE!
WE'RE GONNA TEAR DOWN THE GODDESS STATUE!
THEN DO IT.
...
THIS TOWN IS DONE FOR...
THE GOD-DESS...
OLD MAN TAIL...
!?
GUM!

NOSE...
I COULDN'T GIVE UP OUR FRIENDSHIP AFTER ALL...
IF THIS IS A PACT SUICIDE, THEN I'M JOINING IN AS WELL.
ZAN!
BARTS!
LOOK AT THIS GUY! YOU PLANNIN' ON CHALLENGING A CANNON WITH TWO SWORDS!?


NOSE... I'M NOT A MAN WHO LOOKS TO THE HEAVENS.
I ONLY LOOK FORWARD.


BARTS...!
Look... forward...
BRING IT ON...
...YOU MOUN-TAIN BAN-DITS!

W-WHAT THE HELL IS HE!? RETREAT! RETREAT!!
HYAH!
HYAH!


W-WAIT FOR ME!
HAAHA!
PANT
PANT
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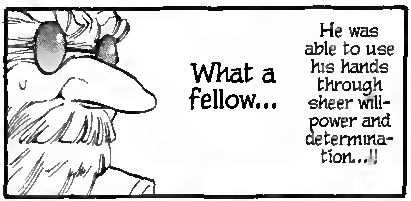
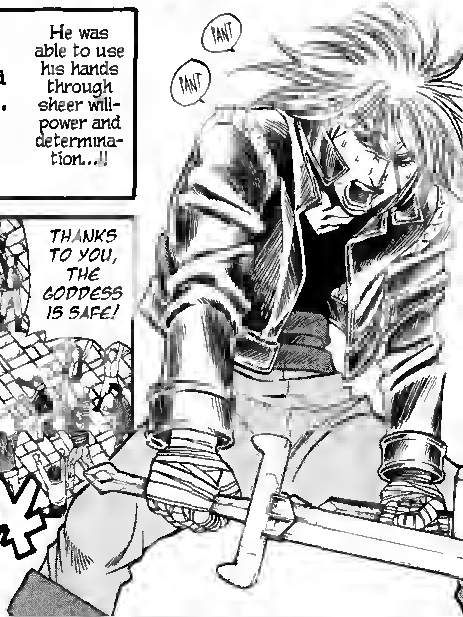

What a fellow...
He was able to use his hands through sheer willpower and determination...!!

WE CAN CONTINUE OUR PRAYERS!
THANKS TO YOU, THE GODDESS IS SAFE!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
GO BACK UP
HOORAY!


PANT
PANT

INSTEAD OF LOOKING TO THE HEAVENS, WE SHOULD TAKE OUR FATE INTO OUR OWN HANDS!!
OPEN YOUR EYES, EVERYONE! THE MOUNTAIN BANDITS WILL BE BACK!
NOSE IS RIGHT!!
BOOM!
DAME

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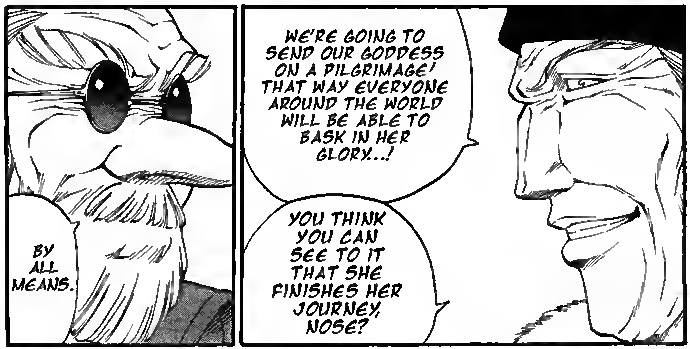
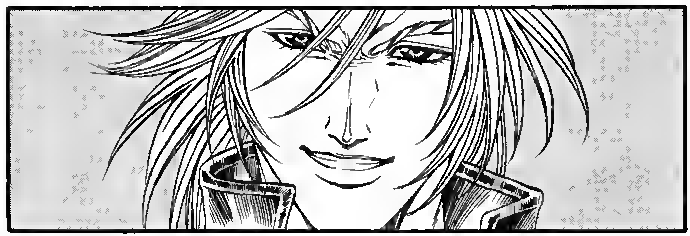
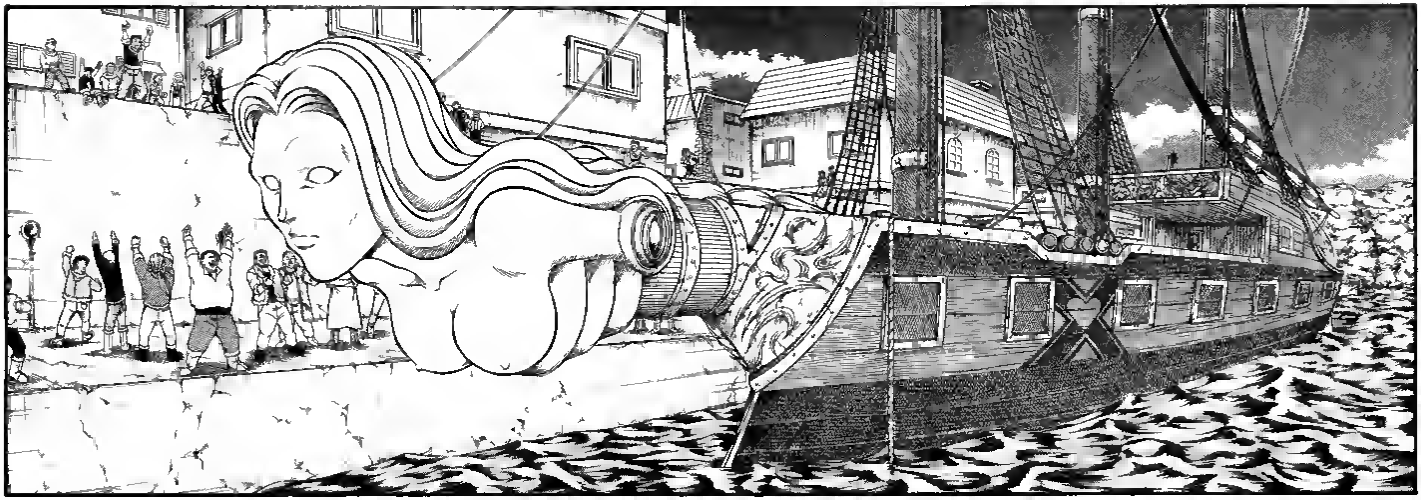
WE CAN'T RELY ON THE GODDESS ANYMORE... NOW, I WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER...
BUT FOR MY SAKE... FOR ALL OUR SAKES... I NEED TO DO ONE LAST JOB.
AND I WANT YOUR HELP.

WHAT IS IT?
OLD MAN TAIL ..


WE'RE GOING TO SEND OUR GODDESS ON A PILGRIMAGE! THAT WAY EVERYONE AROUND THE WORLD WILL BE ABLE TO BASK IN HER GLORY..!
YOU THINK YOU CAN SEE TO IT THAT SHE FINISHES HER JOURNEY, NOSE?
BY ALL MEANS.





WILL YOU HAVE ME, CAPTAIN BARTS?

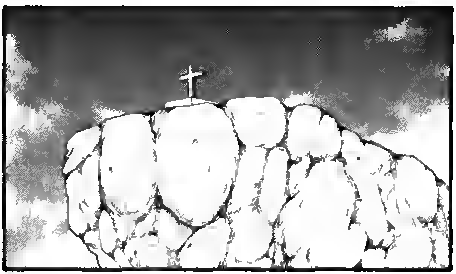
GO WITH OUR GODDESS AND ATTAIN OUR DREAM OF THE FALCON!

NO, IT'S AMAZING! THE BEST FIGUREHEAD EVER, TAIL!
HA! HA! HA!
THIS SEEMS VULGAR...

TAIL...

NOSE, PLEASE BURY ME SOMEWHERE I CAN SEE THE GODDESS DEPART ON HER MAIDEN JOURNEY

And so, the Goddess set off, so that the people's gazes would follow her forward...



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